

15000 to 15210—Continued.

a little less than one-half as wide as long. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are bright orange.

Flesh firm, moderately sweet, with an agreeable flavor resembling that of Thaby. Said to ripen early.

15050. *Rhars*. (Sometimes known as *Rhars* (or *Ghars* or *Cheress*) *Mettigui*.)

A second-class tho well-known date of the "soft" type; fruit $1\frac{3}{4}$ to over 2 inches long, two-fifths to four-ninths as wide, oblong or inversely egg-shaped, bay colored when ripe, its surface somewhat shining; the flesh 2 to 4 lines thick, very soft; the slender seed five-eighths to three-fifths as long as the fruit, two-sevenths to one-third as wide as long, broad and rounded at both ends. The ripe fruit does not keep its shape well when preserved. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are bright orange. The trunk is stout and the foliage luxuriant, numerous long leaves being crowded with long, broad leaflets.

One of the earliest. Said to begin to ripen as early as the end of July. The fruit is large, bay colored when ripe, with copious soft, sirupy, translucent flesh, very sweet and rich-flavored. Not one of the best-keeping sorts.

15051. *Sha Aroassa*.

Said to be rare and of fairly good quality. Reported to be a long, slender date, ripening in October and not keeping well.

15052. *Sayba Boo Dra*.

A third-class "soft" variety; fruit 2 to over $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, about three-sevenths as wide, oblong, somewhat pointed at the apex, usually curved; prune purple when ripe; the surface rather dull; the flesh 3 and $3\frac{1}{2}$ lines thick, rather firm; the slender seed about one-half as long as the fruit and two-sevenths to one-third as wide as long. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are bright orange colored.

The largest of the Tunisian varieties. Flesh thick, rather tough. Flavor agreeable, suggesting Boo Fagoos. Ripens about the end of October.

15053. *Tafazween*. (Also *Tafazaouine*, or *Tafezween*.)

A first-class "soft" date; fruit 2 to $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, about two-fifths as wide, oblong, tapering slightly from base to apex, bright bay colored when ripe; the skin conspicuously marked with short linear scars; the flesh $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 lines thick; the slender seed about three-fifths as long as the fruit.

The handsome fruit is easily recognized by its long, narrow shape, bright-bay color, and curiously marked skin. It is said to ripen in October. The flesh is soft and translucent, like that of the Deglet Noor. It is very sweet, and of excellent flavor.

15054. *Tantaboosht*, or *Tantaboucht*.

A third-class "soft" date; fruit nearly spherical, usually somewhat wider than long, 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in greatest diameter, usually widest above the middle, slightly deprest at apex, not keeping its shape well when preserved, very dark brown purple (almost black) when ripe; the flesh 3 to 5 lines thick, very soft and dark colored; the large seed two-thirds to four-fifths as long as the fruit, one-half to two-thirds as wide as long; smooth. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are deep orange colored.

A date remarkable for its round shape and very soft, almost black flesh. Flavor peculiar and characteristic, even perfectly ripe fruit retaining a certain amount of astringency.

15055. *Tenaseen*. (French orthography, *Tanessin*, or *Tenassine*.)

A third-class "soft" variety; fruit $1\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, about one-half as wide, oblong, not keeping its shape well when preserved, black when ripe; the flesh very soft, nearly black; the seed five-ninths to five-eighths as long as the fruit, about one-third as wide as long, rather dark brown.

The flavor of the very sweet, soft, dark-colored flesh suggests Tozer Zaid Safra, but is more agreeable. Is said to ripen in October.

15056. *Thaby*, or *Dzhabi*.

A second-class "dry" variety; fruit $1\frac{2}{3}$ inches long or slightly longer, about one-half as wide; oblong, often slightly constricted a little above the base, some-